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Statement submitted by the International Federation of Associations of the Elderly, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I

The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 23 and 24 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968.

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1. On behalf of associations established in 42 countries spanning five continents with a membership of 100 million, FIAPA sees no need to amend the current arrangements relating to the recognition and classification of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in connection with the granting of consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

2. FIAPA, whichever category it is included in, would, however, wish to see coordination at the United Nations result in a single unit being made responsible for relations with NGOs.

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3. It is the view of FIAPA that such coordination could be achieved by expanding the role and responsibilities of the unit currently responsible for relations with NGOs within the Department of Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development.

4. The United Nations, in facilitating cooperation with NGOs, would benefit in that NGOs can make a specific and effective contribution to the Organization in their respective fields of activity.